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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows without prejudice:

1.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 915, in which said flow divider includes at least two fluid ports, each of said fluid ports in fluid communication with one of said cylinders, wherein said flow divider maintains the flow of fluid flowing through said ports at substantially equal flow rates to synchronize movement of said rams when extending and retracting said rams relative to said cylinders.

11. (Original) The method as in claim 10, in which said flow divider includes at least two spools disposed in a spool cavity formed in a flow divider body, and each of said fluid ports is in fluid communication with said spool cavity, wherein each of said spools moves in response to a pressure difference between a pressure at one of said fluid ports and a pressure at a third port forming part of said flow divider and in fluid communication with said spool cavity.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 915, in which said flow divider includes a pilot operated spool valve.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a slide out assembly forming part of a vehicle, wherein the slide out assembly includes an actuating mechanism including at least two hydraulic actuators, each of said hydraulic actuators having an extendible ram extendible from a cylinder, said extendible rams being fixed to at least one of a stationary portion of the vehicle and a slide out section, and said cylinders being fixed to the other of said stationary portion and said slide out section, on opposite sides of said slide out section said method comprising:

adjusting flows of fluid flowing to and from each of said cylinders when respectively extending and retracting said rams in response to fluid pressures in each of said cylinders so as to equalize said flows and synchronize the movement of the sides of said slide out section, at least one of said flows to said cylinders being adjusted by a flow divider upstream of said cylinders, and at least one of said flows from said cylinders being adjusted by said flow divider downstream of said cylinders.

16. – 19. (Canceled)